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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether live cartridges were recovered from the Ferozshah Kotla Stadium in Delhi recently;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the stadium was not screened before the start of the game;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the source from which these cartridges came into the stadium;

(e) the action taken against the responsible officials; and

(f) the steps taken to check the recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (f) While conducting the Anti-Sabotage check in Ferozshah Kotla Stadium in Delhi before entry of spectators and before the start of the ODI Cricket match between India and Australia, seven live cartridges were recovered from the Stadium on 31.10.09. No lapse on the part of any official has been found during the investigation. All out efforts are being made by the Delhi Police to prevent the recurrence of such events which inter-alia cover the following directions:-

1. To hand over the security of the stadium (LOCK DOWN) at least 72 hours prior to any event/match in order to ensure proper checking.

2. To issue swipe enabled ID Cards to employees/members to regulate the entry.

3. To install permanent CCTVs (with seven days recording facility), which will be activated much before the 'lock down' period.